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1. [redacted] of CI Staff discussed with Mr. Houston and myself a letter addressed to DD/P, dated 29 July 1955, from Mr. William Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General for Internal Security Affairs. This letter referred to a request the Department received in a letter of 11 April from Sen. Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, requesting that the Department turn over to the Committee all of the documents seized in the [redacted] case. Senator Eastland pointed out that the contents of these documents must have long since come into the possession of the Soviet, but that the American people and even the Senate Committee were not allowed to see them. He asks that they be declassified and turned over. As a good many of these documents were of OSS origin, the Department of Justice has requested our review of these to determine whether they can be turned over. (In addition, the Department of Commerce has asked us to advise them informally regarding three documents in their possession from the standpoint of possible declassification).

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2. Mr. Paul Hadlick, of the staff of the Employees' Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, called me in connection with our memorandum to the Committee on the polygraph. He had desired to use this memorandum in open Committee session and to read it into the open record. I pointed out to him our agreement with Sen. Gillette that they would not make public use of this memorandum without consultation with us; that we had prepared it in order to be helpful for the Committee's background information; and that we did not desire it used in open session. Mr. Hadlick then concurred. (cc [redacted])

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3. In a chance meeting with Sen. Stennis, he inquired as to whether we had as yet made a site selection for the new building. I told him that we were still having an engineer make an independent survey of the sites, but that we hoped to make a selection shortly. The Senator remarked that he hoped we would make the selection before the Senate returned as he didn't want to hear any more arguments regarding the property. I asked the Senator whether we could be of any assistance to him prior to his forthcoming trip abroad, and he thanked us and said there was nothing that he wanted.

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4. Mr. Kirkpatrick talked with Senator Saltonstall and suggested that as a member of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee the Senator might wish to be in contact with certain of our installations overseas in the course of his forthcoming trip. The Senator felt that this was a fine idea, and we will send him a note by hand as to where contacts with him will be made.

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